FBI Section 79 King Serials 5960-5745 55 Documents, 210 pp released

5705 on Bevel has withholdings for which b(2) and 7(D) are claimed. This would seem to confirm my suspicion that the FBI had an informant inside Phila. SCLC HQ.

5711 all 10 pp wityheld with note "Refer/US Army" and also a check under 7C.

5716 all 5 pp withheld under 7C&D. Note from number of initials rather than comprehensibility would seem to be RCMP

5719 1 p withheld without any claim to any exemption. No note of referral

5723 is 4/25/69 NO Airtel covers its LHM of interview of no stated date with Esquivel. It summarizes what Auie said of Ray's alleged Raoul meetings, repeats those of August in which Esquivel was at work and carries them no farthur. Esp. not those of 12/67, which is when Ray was where Esq. lives and could have met him even if Esq. was working.

5724 on SCLC Phila,Bevel, exemption 7D claimed, indicating inside fink again.

5731 Phila airtel 4/29/69 on Bevel claims 7C&D Uses Bureau 100-438794 NY 100-SCLC and Phila 100-47194 Int. Sec. files, Atlanta and Columbia SCLC files of no given number New York and Phila 157 Bevel files (2979 in Phila) and 170-897R Phila files for distribution. There is no need to claim the privacy exemption for anyone at Phila HQ and one besides Bevel is name, Beverly Sterner. With 7D claim seems that other person is inside informer. Units od last name fit Randolph but without middle initial space of first is too long.

5741 Atlanta airtel of 5/8/69 is headed with number of subjects and files including COMINFIL OF SCLC and Atl 100-5718. There is extensive withheld but t e worksheets indicate no claim to any exemption. However, the number pages released, 2, is stricken through. Other so-called internal security headings and distribution indications are Budile 100-438794 and under Atlanta the 100-6974 files of an obliterated name and if RM means racial Matt re RM: IS - C (Internal Security-Comminism); RM under Bureau, N.Y. and Phila. There is what seems to be a different Bevel file, perhaps Atlanta's, 157-656 (I think 157 is bombing matters and racial matters) plus a 170-290A files. One hell of a lot of filing for not much more than a dozen lines of content. The first says that the 4/23/69 Phila airtel has Bevel in New York. What would seem to fit the masked space, and this is just guessing, is "Mercel Randolph said." (My suspicions about Randolph come from his phoning Jim and me in Memphis during the evid. hrg and saying he had info, coming there and having none. Not even respectable garbage. Then hanging around. We though he was a little flakey then. He also showed up on the Lane/Gregory press conference in D.C. 6/7/77. For no apparent purpose with them. All of this represents the considerable expenditure of money. For no apparent purpose.) The third graf has all except the beginning,"On 5/7/69," obliterated. Because this if from Atlanta my guess would be that it interviewed a source on that day and hid all the rest to hide that its source was inside SCLC. The next graf says that on the next day, when the FBI contacted an SCLC woman about another matter, she knew nothing re Bevel. There is more extensive masking than any name, almost a line. No question of privacy would seem to be involved in speaking to an official of an open organization. There are less than 2 full lines on the second page. About half is masked at the beginning, leaving what would ordinarily not indicate only what is essential was removed," - ove (above?) for information. No LHM contemplated at this time." LHM-Letterhead Memorandum.

After 5742 and not marked unrecorded or listed on worksheets is a crazy business of four pages of profanity not addressed to FBI and not explained as coming from National Radio Institute in DC, whose printed return envelope is included. These were loose pages but following in 5743 is indication Edward Pinaud, 902 Broadway, N.Y. mailed from Denver whose Postal Inspector sent to FBI. Makes no sense.

Unrecorded after 5746 is Phila airetl of probablu 6/2/69 on Bevel. Three lines under his name are masked. Exemptions claimed for all limited to 7(C)&(D) which would not seem to apply to a heading, given the absence on any other files on any p rson being listed in the

distribution. In the heading only one Phila file is given a 44-103 and 3,6 or 8, unclear. The Bureau files is "100-44591? pasibly a 4. For Atlanta three 100 files,"100-5719 [illegible] //COMINFIL SCLC) [no number] JAMES BEVEL)" and an indtinguishable 7-letter word. Distribution to NY includes BEVEL and SCLC. Phila is least clear but it includes three besides MURKIN, a 157 that may be Bevel's. Outside FBI copies sent to NISO, OSI, MI and Secret Service. There is little other content. More than half the 3 lines of the first of 2 grafs of text masked except the end,"...requested his identity be kept confidential if given outside the Bureau." I would guess this graf is retricted to the source. The next graf, entirely eliminated, may say something about Bevel because the last is Phila's recommendation that it not look farthur for him. Attached is a 1-page Phila LHM of 6/2/69 titled JAMES LUTHER BEVEL. The first graf recounts the NYTimes story quoting Bevel on conspiracy. The second cites "A source who has furnisher reliable information in the past and who is familiar with Southern Christian Leadership Conference(SCLA) activities in the Philadelphia area, advised in April,1969 that BEVEL was in a mental hospital in New York." I take this to refer to inside Phila SCLC source. The next two grafs masked 100% Half of the three lines of the last graf are masked. It ends, (...was told BEVEL is no longer in Philadelphia. One person stated, "BEVEL is in New York."

Indications are of a heavy interest in SCLC. Everywhere, not just Bevel because he sounded off.